IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 19 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and add new Claims 20 to 22 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

20. (New) A method of controlling the use of software, comprising:

a registration step of registering, in a predetermined storage area, a flag indicating whether or not a software battery is allowed to be charged;

an obtaining step of obtaining battery addition information via a network in accordance with the flag read from the predetermined storage area;

a battery management step of decreasing the obtained battery addition information as an application is used; and

a use control step of stopping use of the application if the battery addition information decreases to a predetermined amount.

21. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein said registration step further registers battery capacity, a flag indicating whether or not detaching of the battery is allowed, time of battery use, or number of times of battery use, in the predetermined storage area.

22. (New) A method according to claim 20, further comprising a selection step of selecting the battery addition information obtained in said obtaining step.